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Council Members are asked to consider the under-mentioned Motions:-

1. Alcohol Minimum Unit Pricing

This Council notes that alcohol remains one of the key drivers of health inequalities and one of the key causes of premature death in Sunderland. That Minimum Unit Pricing (MUP) can have a positive impact on reducing alcohol related deaths, alcohol related crimes and reducing health inequalities.

This council calls on the new government to introduce minimum unit pricing in England without delay.

Councillor K. Chequer
Councillor L. Williams
Councillor M. Mordey
Councillor G. Miller
Councillor P. Stewart
Councillor R. Atkinson
Councillor K. Johnston

Councillor A. Wilson
Councillor D. Waller
Councillor A. Lawson
Councillor S. Foster
Councillor J. Jackson
Councillor J. Heron

2. Moving the City forward

This Council notes the results of the general election in the three Sunderland constituencies and pledges to make the most of every opportunity to move the City forward under the Conservative Government.

Councillor R. Oliver
Councillor J. McKeith
Councillor P. Wood
Councillor D. McDonough
Councillor J. Doyle

Councillor A. Mullen
Councillor G.E. Howe
Councillor R. Francis
Councillor M. Dixon

3. Holocaust Memorial Day in Sunderland

Seventy-five years after the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, this Council pays tribute to residents of the City who have worked, for many years, to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day in Sunderland.

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4. Empire Theatre Tickets

The Empire Theatre is a key attraction in Sunderland holding a unique position in the North East cultural scene. In recent years the Empire Theatre, under the management of ATG has hosted some of the best stage shows usually reserved for the West End and other major venues. The Sunderland Empire also attracts wide praise for its engagement in the community and efforts to work with groups across Sunderland, Washington, Houghton and Hetton.

This council notes that:

- Residents across the city have expressed dismay at the practice of free Empire Theatre tickets being taken by Councillors;
- Councillors accepting 'perks' such as free tickets impacts upon the reputation of elected representatives amongst residents of the city;
- Existing contractual terms between Sunderland City Council and ATG include the provision of free tickets for Councillors.

This council therefore resolves to:

- Respectfully decline free Empire Theatre tickets for Councillors until the end of the current term of the contract with ATG;
- Ensure that within any future contract for private business to run the Empire Theatre, free tickets for Councillors are not part of the agreement;
- Maintain existing arrangements as far as possible for tickets for tickets to be offered to community groups and good causes.

Councillor M. Haswell
Councillor N.D. Hodson

Councillor H. Fagan
Councillor J. Potts